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For: MAGNETIC TRANSFERRING METHOD, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CLEANING MAGNETIC TRANSFER MASTER MEDIUM

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on September 30, 2003 in the
above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted in further response to the
Office Action dated March 31, 2003.

REMARKS

As discussed in the Amendment filed on September 30, 2003, Nagano (US 6,433,944)
does not disclose or suggest that a recording plane of a slave medium and an information bearing
plane of a master medium are brought into close contact through liquid with each other, with
liquid in an amount of 2 to 20 mg/m² intervening therebetween, as set forth in claim 2.